# NEW ZEALAND

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*We will sell to no man,*
*we will not deny or defer to any man either justice or right.*
**Magna Carta—Tūtohinga Nui**
*Kore rawa e hoko ki te tangata, e kore e whakakāhoretia,*
*e tautuku rānei te tangata ki te ture, tika ranei.*

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# IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK INTO NEW ZEALAND BY AIR ROUTES TRANSITING COUNTRIES WHERE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH INSECT BORNE PATHOGENS EXIST

## 1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the import health standard for the importation of livestock into New Zealand by air routes transiting countries where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist.

## 2 PERMIT TO IMPORT

2.1 Animals imported into New Zealand under the conditions of this import health standard must have a valid permit to import issued under a current import health standard for the importation of a specific animal/s from a specific country, and must meet the conditions of the import health standard in every respect.

2.2 An permit to import is obtained by applying in writing to:

Chief Veterinary Officer
Ministry of Agriculture
P O Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

2.3 Permit to import will be issued for a single consignment only.

2.4 Once an permit to import has been obtained, importation into New Zealand by air routes transiting countries where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist requires the prior approval of the Chief Veterinary Officer, NZ MAF, with regard to transport route and method and adherence to the conditions of this import health standard prior to and during importation.

## 3 INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY IMPORTER

When applying for Chief Veterinary Officer approval, the importer shall supply the following information:

3.1 permit to import number relating to the consignment of animals to be imported;

3.2 the importer's livestock agent and airline to be used;

3.3 a detailed description of the proposed air route, with stopover destinations, flight times and scheduled transit times;

3.4 a detailed proposal specifying the method by which the transport and quarantine requirements elaborated in section 9 below are to be fulfilled.

3.5 a letter from the airline undertaking to instruct the loadmaster of the aircraft transporting livestock to New Zealand to cooperate with any reasonable requests the accompanying veterinary officer makes to ensure that access to the transport crates is maintained during loading of the aircraft.

## 4 REVIEW OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

This import health standard may be reviewed and amended if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy, or the animal health status of the originating or transiting country, or for any other reason, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

## 5 DEFINITION OF TERMS

**livestock** means any animal to be imported into New Zealand under a current permit to import

**transit** means any scheduled landing or contingency stop during the flight route from the exporting country to New Zealand

**countries where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist** means any country so designated by the Chief Veterinary Officer, NZ MAF, after consideration of such factors as the livestock species to be imported, the presence of animal diseases and insect vectors, and the time of year in the transitted country.

## 6 ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

Eligibility for importation of livestock into New Zealand by air routes transiting countries where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist requires the specific written approval of Chief Veterinary Officer with regard to the transport route and method. Written Chief Veterinary Officer approval requires the importer to supply all the information requested in section 3 of this import health standard, as well as the return of one signed and dated copy of the Importer/Importer's Agent Statutory Declaration.

## 7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

All the required certification (which must be in English or bilingual (language of specified country)/English) must accompany the consignment to New Zealand, and will include:

7.1 a copy of the permit to import;

7.2 the required certification of the import health standard under which the permit to import has been issued;

7.3 a copy of this import health standard, with completed Importer/Importer's Agent

Statutory Declaration;

7.4 a letter from the Chief Veterinary Officer, NZ MAF, giving approval of the transport route and method.

7.5 a letter from the airline undertaking to instruct the loadmaster of the aircraft transporting livestock to New Zealand to cooperate with any reasonable requests the accompanying veterinary officer makes to ensure that access to the transport crates is maintained during loading of the aircraft.

## 8 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 All costs involved with the selection, testing, treatment, transport, quarantine servicing must be borne by the importer or agent as appropriate, including costs arising from contingency directions issued by the Chief Veterinary Officer, NZ MAF, in the event of any unforeseen problems occurring during transport.

8.2 The importer or agent must make all arrangements for transport and obtain necessary transit authorities from any countries on the transport route.

8.3 Application for approval of a route and method of transport to meet the requirements of this standard must be received by the Chief Veterinary Officer at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of departure from the country of origin.

## 9 TRANSPORT TO NEW ZEALAND

9.1 The importer or importer's agent is required to submit to the Chief Veterinary Officer, NZ MAF, a detailed proposal specifying the method by which the transport and quarantine requirements outlined below are to be met.

9.2 The animals to be transported must each have qualified for entry into New Zealand under the conditions of a current permit to import.

9.3 Regardless of the requirements of the permit to import, transit of countries where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist may require a MAF veterinary officer escort to accompany the consignment, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

9.4 Immediately prior to leaving the pre-export isolation facility an approved topical long-acting insecticide (Permethrin 0.24%) must be applied to the animals.

9.5 The animals are to be transported in crates which are insect proof, or able to be made insect proof by covering with insect proof netting.

9.6 The animals are to be transported on the main deck of the aircraft, allowing

personnel access to the transport crates. Access to the transport crates must facilitate placement and securing of any insect netting, and watering of the animals. The airline must undetake to ensure that the loadmaster is instructed to cooperate with reasonable requests made by the veterinary officer accompanying the flight.

9.7 Upon the aircraft's landing in a country where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist, if the main deck cargo bay doors are not required to be opened the personnel doors to the main deck cargo bay must remain shut for the entire duration of the aircrafts transit.

9.8 Upon the aircraft's landing in a country where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist, if the main deck cargo bay doors are required to be opened an approved knockdown insecticidal spray (Tetramethrin 0.24%) must be sprayed around the main deck cargo bay in the manner recommended by the manufacturer to prevent insects biting the animals, and reapplied at the manufacturer's recommended interval and rate until the main deck cargo bay doors are, once again, shut.

9.9 The insect proof netting must not to be removed from the transport crates following opening of the main deck cargo doors during transit in a country where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist until at least 30 minutes after the main deck cargo doors have been shut and an approved knockdown insecticidal spray (Tetramethrin 0.24%) has been sprayed all around the cargo bay in a manner recommended by the manufacturer to prevent insects biting the animals.

9.10 If the aircraft makes an unscheduled stopover but remains operative in any country not on the route approved by the Chief Veterinary Officer and detailed on the permit to import, the following procedures must be followed:

9.10.1 the main deck cargo doors and personnel doors between the cargo bay and passengers must remain shut, with ventilation operating, while the aeroplane is on the ground.

9.10.2 the procedures of 9.8 and 9.9 above regarding application of an approved knockdown insecticidal spray are to followed while the aeroplane is on the ground.

9.10.3 personnel accompanying the consignment must contact MAF by telephone, radio or facsimile as soon as possible after receipt of notification of the unscheduled landing. Contact with MAF must be maintained at the frequency requested until the plane is, once again, airborne.

9.10.4 arrangements are to be made to enable those attending the animals to

remain in the main deck cargo bay with the animals over the period of the unscheduled landing.

9.10.5 the location, duration and health testing of post-arrival quarantine may be reconsidered in light of the risk to which the animals have been exposed.

9.11 If the aircraft makes an unscheduled stopover in any country not on the route approved by the Chief Veterinary Officer and detailed on the permit to import and the doors of the main deck cargo bay have to be opened, the following procedures must be followed:

9.11.1 personnel accompanying the consignment must contact MAF by telephone, radio or facsimile as soon as possible after receipt of notification of the unscheduled landing. Contact with MAF must be maintained at the frequency requested until the plane is, once again, airborne.

9.11.2 the animals are not to proceed to New Zealand without MAF approval.

9.11.3 if the animals are not approved to proceed to New Zealand the personnel accompanying the animals are to implement procedures detailed by MAF for the repatriation or disposal of the animals.

9.11.4 the location, duration and health testing of post-arrival quarantine may be reconsidered in light of the risk to which the animals have been exposed.

## 10 VETERINARY OFFICER ESCORT

10.1 On a case-by-case basis, after consideration of such aspects of the proposed importation as the species and number of animals to be imported, the countries to be transitted, and the importers proposal to manage the provisions of this import health standard, the Chief Veterinary Officer may require that a New Zealand government veterinary officer be sent, at the importer's expense, to the specified country prior to the scheduled shipment of the animals to accompany the shipment to New Zealand. The Chief Veterinary Officer must receive adequate notice of the intention to import so that, if required, appropriate arrangements can be made.

10.2 If required to accompany the consignment, the veterinary officer will liaise with the veterinary authority, importer and exporter etc, as appropriate, on issues relating to the export which include:

10.2.2 representation of the New Zealand Chief Veterinary Officer in the country of export and any transitted countries to facilitate resolution of problems which occur prior to or during export;

10.2.3 supervision of the conditions of transport to New Zealand to ensure the health and isolation status of the animals is maintained;

10.2.4 representation of the Chief Veterinary Officer to ensure that the animals remain eligible for entry into New Zealand in the event of unscheduled events during transportation;

10.2.5 supervision of the welfare requirements for travel of animals to New Zealand to ensure that all animals embarked reach New Zealand in good condition and free from distress.

## 11 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

Provided the animals are healthy on arrival, the documentation is in order, and there is no reason to believe that the requirements of this import health standard have not been met, permission will be given by an Inspector for the animals to move to the post-arrival quarantine facility named on the permit to import, in accordance with the biosecurity clearance requirements of the import health standard under which the permit to import was issued.

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## IMPORTER/IMPORTER'S AGENT DECLARATION

I ..... being the importer/importer's agent (delete one) of the consignment of animals to be imported into New Zealand under permit to import number.....have read and understood the conditions of the attached import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of livestock by air routes transiting countries where health risks associated with insect borne pathogens exist, and I agree to comply with the conditions of the import health standard and any additional directions that the Chief Veterinary Officer of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture may give resulting from unforeseen contingencies during the importation of the animals to which the permit to import and this import health standard apply, and further I understand that I must bear all costs associated with any such directions.

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Signature of Importer/Importer's Agent (delete one) Date of signature

Name and address: .....

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Witnessed by Date of signature

Name and address: .....

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**N.B.** This copy is to be signed and remains attached to the permit to import and import health standard.

**IMPORTER/IMPORTER'S AGENT DECLARATION - (COPY)**

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Signature of Importer/Importer's Agent (delete one) Date of signature

Name and address: .....

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Witnessed by Date of signature

Name and address: .....

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**N.B.** This copy is to be signed and returned to:

The Chief Veterinary Officer
Ministry of Agriculture
P O Box 2526
Wellington, New Zealand